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SUBJECT: ROK-JAPANESE LEGISLATORS MEETING STRESSES NEA SECURITY

1. SEVENTY-SEVEN VISITING JAPANESE DIET MEMBERS JOINED WITH 86 ROK COUNTERPARTS JULY 10 IN SEOUL TO FORM THE ROK-JAPAN LEGISLATORS' LEAGUE. INITIAL PRESS REPORTS OF LEAGUE'S FIRST SESSION INDICATE THAT NORTHEAST ASIAN SECURITY PROBLEM AND US DEFENSE COMMITMENTS DOMINATED MEETING.

2. IN CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO GROUP, PRIMIN KIM CHONG-PIL DECLARED THAT NE ASIA NEEDED NEW SECURITY SYSTEM ON COOPERATION BETWEEN ROK, JAPAN AND US. ROK CHAIRMAN OF MEETING, DRP ASSEMBLYMAN YI PYONG-HUI (WHO IS ALSO MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO IN CHARGE OF KOREA'S POLICIES TOWARD JAPAN) URGED US TO GUARANTEE THE CARRYING OUT OF ITS COMMITMENTS TO DEFENSE OF NEA. YI ALSO CALLED ON USSR AND CHINA TO CEASE AIDING NORTH KOREA IN ITS EFFORTS TO UNIFY KOREA BY FORCE AND TO SUPPORT DUAL NORTH/SOUTH MEMBERSHIP IN UN.

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3. SPEAKING FOR JAPANESE DIETMEN, MORI MATSUHIRA TOLD

GROUP THAT OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES IN KOREA WOULD EN-
DANGER JAPAN AND WOULD PUT TO TEST US/JAPANESE
SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. MORI SAID CURRENT TENSIONS
ON KOREAN PENINSULA CAUSING JAPANESE TO RETHINK PAST
ACTIONS AND PRONOUNCEMENTS REGARDING KOREA.
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